



# Battle River POWER COOP

MEMBER OWNED • COMMUNITY POWERED

We're worried about  
the high cost of  
energy



## Energy Prices and Your Cooperative

To give our members the best pricing possible, there are 6 steps that go into determining the cost of energy:

- 1 On the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, Battle River Power Coop's Energy Analyst determines an estimated Regulated Rate energy price for the upcoming month.
- 2 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, the Board of Directors reviews the calculated Regulated Rate energy price provided by the energy analyst.
- 3 On the 5<sup>th</sup> last business day of every month, Battle River Power Coop submits the Regulated Rate pricing on the website.
- 4 On the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month, meter data is captured for billing purposes.
- 5 On the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of every month, bills are distributed.
- 6 On the 15<sup>th</sup> business day after the bills go out, Battle River Power Coop is charged the actual energy cost by the Alberta Electrical System Operator.

***The actual cost of energy consumed by members is unknown for more than 60 days and is dependent on consumer habits, industrial loads, weather and many other variables that effect pricing.***

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll-free in Alberta).

### ALBERTA ENERGY REBATE

Beginning in the July billing cycle, eligible members saw the energy rebate automatically appear on the Battle River Power Coop bill above the GST line as "GOA Utility Commodity Rebate."

The rebate will be automatically applied to bills and will be distributed as a \$50 monthly rebate for each eligible site for six consecutive months – for a total of \$300.

Members do not need to do anything to receive the rebate, and there is no application process for the rebate.

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## Meet the 2022 **MEAL TO THE FIELD** Recipients

Every fall, Battle River Power Coop holds a draw for 10 meals to be delivered during harvest. The recipients are drawn from the members who have entered their names into the draw.

The reason? Because we want to show our members just how much we appreciate the hard work and the many hours they put in by providing 10 meals to the field. Meet 5 of the recipients below.

Not only is this a thank you to the farmers, but to their cooks who cook, deliver, run for parts, or help moving fields when needed; the hired hands and friends and family for working endlessly alongside the farmers, helping to ensure the crops come off; to the children who help before, during, and after school when needed.

From Battle River Power Coop to all who are involved wholly in the harvesting season, we thank you for your hard work and dedication.



**Clinton Swanson** - Photo (L to R): Colin Swanson, Ashley & Clinton Swanson w/ their 2 girls, & Stacy Swanson. *Amisk area.*



**Darcy Kublik** - Photo (L to R): Rosie, Hilda, Albert, Lenn, Ron, Darcy Kublik, and Geoff (family & friends). *Leduc County area.*



**David & Niki Galletly** - Photo (L to R): Jim Matthews (Director), Sherry & Graham Galletly, David & Niki Galletly, farm hands, and Taylor Wolbeck (Powerline Technician). *Sedgwick area.*



**Delwyn & Carmen Weaver** - Photo (L to R): Kevin, Laura, Delwyn & Carmen Weaver; Jesse and Dylan. *Wetaskiwin area.*



**Ken and Inga Lueck** - Photo (L to R): Jason, Jessica, & Aurora Lueck; Inga & Ken Lueck; Darrin Rasmuson (Director); and Buddy. *Gwynne area.*

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**Congratulations to the 2022 recipients!** Keep an eye on our social media and website for your chance to enter our 2023 Meal to the Field draw.

# Battle River Power Coop Member Corner



As of the end of September, everyone from A-E should receive their MVP Card. If you did not receive a card, please email [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop). Thank you to our members for their patience as the cards slowly roll out.

## New MVP Business



Announcing a **NEW** business to Battle River Power Coop's Member Value Program

### **CAMROSE**AVU

We are thrilled to welcome **Audio Video Unlimited – Camrose** to our Member Value Program.

**Audio Video Unlimited – Camrose** has offered our members:

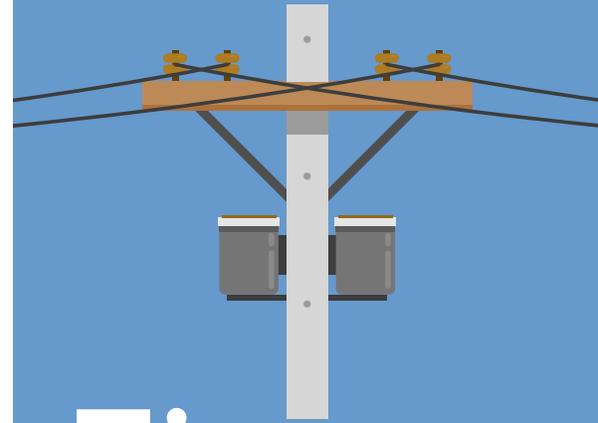
**\$50 off any purchase over \$500**

**\$75 off any purchase over \$750**

**\$100 off any purchase over \$1,000**

**\$200 off any purchase over \$2,000**

Thank you to all the businesses who have offered savings to our members! Keep an eye on our website under Community as we continue to add businesses as they join.



## Tips from the Line

Experiencing a power outage?

1

Check your breaker on the power pole to make sure it hasn't tripped.

2

If your breaker hasn't been tripped at the pole, give Battle River Power Coop a call at 1.877.428.3972.

## Message from the Board of Directors

Battle River Power Coop always has the best interest of our members at the forefront of our minds. Whether it is volunteer opportunities, our Meal to the Field draw, scholarships for dependents of our members, or listening when members call. We strive to keep our members, who are also owners in our business, informed about their cooperative. Our Concern for Community also extends to educating our members on how we determine the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) every month.

The theme of this September newsletter is the high cost of energy. As your Board of Directors, we have been concerned that Albertans are no longer receiving affordable electricity. Prior to 2021, energy costs were reasonable, averaging 6.1 cents per kWh for two decades. At the conclusion of the Power Purchase Agreements, decommissioning of coal plants and the inclusion of green energy, Albertans are currently incurring record high electricity prices.

Alberta Electrical System Operator (AESO) daily average charges for electricity in 2021 was 10.21 cents per kWh, a 67% increase over the 20 year average. In 2022, this trend continues with another 38% increase over 2021 rates with no reprieve in sight. The AESO weighted average of peak and non-peak hourly rate charges for August was 27.075 cents per kWh, which we presume is a monthly record that no one can be proud of. The month of September frustratingly appears to be on par with August prices.

Today's economic circumstances are difficult for everyone. Inflation, increasing interest rates and a pending recession will only add to the difficulties that our members face. The key principle for the power industry is to provide "safe, reliable and **affordable** electricity to Albertans." It is time for government, regulators and other industry players to return to the simple principles that make this province great.

## Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop) and we will ensure your account is updated.

Other ways you can stay in the loop with Battle River Power Coop:

- **Visit our website [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop).** The website offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.**
- **Download our Outage App** from the Google Play or Apple Store. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

**Want to help others learn about our Cooperative?**

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and leave us a review!



## REGULATED RATE OPTION



*The RRO may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.*

*For September 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.14986 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For October 2022, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.21893. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop).*

*The Battle River Rural Energy Contract rate is \$0.0635 per kWh until December 31, 2023.*

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